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Thursday - 16 July 1970

1. (Confidential - GLC) Attempted to arrange a meeting with Representative Richard H. Poff (R., Va.) to discuss our response to the Judiciary Committee on the Douglas impeachment resolutions. Poff's schedule was completely filled and he suggested that I see him tomorrow.

2. (Secret - GLC) In response to his request I left with Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, data on Soviet operational ICBM launchers prepared by [REDACTED] Braswell said this would serve his purposes nicely.

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3. (Secret - GLC) Oneta Stockstill, House Armed Services Committee staff, called to say that Chairman Rivers would like the Director to brief the CIA Subcommittee on 21 July 1970 at 10:00 a.m., in room 2212 Rayburn House Office Building.

Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, indicated that at the briefing the Chairman would like the Director to cover Cambodia, the Middle East and the Soviet threat.

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4. (Secret - GLC) Accompanied [REDACTED] to a briefing of Senator Henry Jackson, Richard Perle and Dorothy Fosdick, of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations staff, on the Middle East. The briefing lasted slightly more than an hour and Senator Jackson remained throughout. Jackson is supporting a provision in the Armed Services procurement bill authorizing the transfer of aircraft to Israel and is anxious to be fully informed on the situation.

5. (Unclassified - GLC) June Nigh, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, called to say that the 21 July briefing of the Zablocki Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments, would have to be cancelled, since Zablocki will be involved in a House-Senate conference meeting at that time. She said they would call later to re-schedule the briefing. Mr. [REDACTED] who was to conduct the briefing, has been advised.

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Tuesday - 14 July 1970

1. (Confidential - JMM) Called Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations of Senate Government Operations Committee, in response to her call of yesterday and said it would not be feasible for us to try to prepare an unclassified history of Russia's interest in the Middle East, and suggested she contact the Library of Congress. She said the people there weren't up on this sort of thing, and I told her she should contact Sergius Yakobson, of the Legislative Reference Service, whom I considered one of the best Kremlinologists in town. She persisted in her request, and I said I would try to get her some copies of published material and titles of some reference works by tomorrow.

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2. (Unclassified - JMM) In the absence of Senator Harry Byrd, told Mrs. Audrey Jones, his Executive Secretary, of our unsuccessful efforts to reach Mrs. [REDACTED] on a matter of interest to the Senator.

3. (Secret - JMM) Mr. Red Austin, of Senator Clifford P. Case's office, returned my call to the Senator, who was unavailable in a Committee meeting, to say that written answers were desired to the questionnaire submitted by the Senator at our recent Foreign Relations Committee briefing. Austin said the Senator merely wished to get up-to-date on questions regarding Soviet weaponry which were not covered during the recent briefing. Austin suggested the written answers be provided to him, but I said under existing ground rules we would provide them to the Committee staff which Austin said was satisfactory.

4. (Secret - JMM) Called Jack Sullivan, Staff Consultant, House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments, and confirmed that [REDACTED] would brief the Zablocki Subcommittee on 21 July in response to Sullivan's request. Sullivan said he was reasonably certain the small conference room where the briefing would take place was large enough for the viewgraph. Sullivan will be out of town until the morning of the briefing and said any questions during his absence could be taken up with Boyd Crawford, Staff Administrator of the full Committee. 25X1A

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6. (Confidential - JMM) Jack Sullivan, Staff Consultant, Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called to alert us that Subcommittee Chairman Clement Zablocki would like [REDACTED] to brief the Subcommittee at 2:00 on Tuesday, 21 July, on Soviet strategic capabilities. He said the request would be formalized after it had been approved by Committee Chairman Morgan, and that he was calling simply to give us advanced notice. He said the Subcommittee was particularly interested in the SS-9 situation in light of a recent statement by Secretary Laird.

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I said we would of course want to get the okay of Chairman Morgan, and remarked that I wasn't sure whether [REDACTED] would be the best man to give the briefing or whether he would be available. Sullivan said that was up to us but the Chairman had been particularly favorably impressed with Mr. [REDACTED] briefing on similar subjects last year.

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I called Boyd Crawford, Staff Director of the full Committee, who confirmed that Chairman Morgan had approved Zablocki's request for a briefing of the Subcommittee.

I called Jack Sullivan for any further details re what should be covered in the briefing. He said the Subcommittee was interested in both Soviet and ChiCom strategic capabilities, but we should concentrate on the Soviets since John Foster had given them a briefing on ChiCom capabilities three or four months ago. He said the Subcommittee was interested in all Soviet strategic systems--strategic missiles, ABM, submarine forces, bomber forces, etc. He said he would try to arrange the briefing in room H-227 in the Capitol to minimize delays in the event members were called out to vote.

7. (Confidential - JMM) Called Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding the possibility of the Director being called before the full Committee this week. Braswell said he had nothing definite, but in any event the Director would not be called before Wednesday and probably not before Thursday. Braswell thought there was only a 50-50 chance he would be called this week at all.

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4. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him in general the operations and locations of DCS offices throughout the country. Since Mr. Blandford was not available to take part in the discussion today, it was agreed that a briefing be arranged for later by the Director, DCS or his deputy. Mr. Murphy has been advised.

I received from Mr. Slatinshek copies of correspondence between Chairman Rivers and Representative Henderson concerning S. 782.

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6. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Talked to Buddy Hendericks, Publications Editor, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who told me that publication of the Colby/Van testimony has been delayed again in favor of other Vietnam hearings. No date for publication has been scheduled.

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7. (Confidential - JGO) While on the Hill I ran into Harry Cromer, Staff Consultant, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, who told me that Chairman Murphy is planning hearings in about a month and may well desire an updating of the information previously provided by the Agency on China and the Soviet Union. I thanked Mr. Cromer for the information.

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8. (Secret - JMM) Accompanied the Director and Mr. [REDACTED] who briefed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Agency use of [REDACTED] cover, Southeast Asia and the Middle East. See Memo for Record and transcript.

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5. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and delivered the unclassified statement on Soviet naval developments promised for Representative Rivers at the Committee briefing on 18 June. After a quick review of the paper, Mr. Slatinshek noted that there was no mention made of the speed of Soviet submarines: the topic that brought about the request for this paper. He also said that on a first quick reading the paper did not have much punch. He told me that in his opinion this paper is the Agency's chance to have matters such as the speed of Soviet submarines related in "phraseology the Agency would approve." In response to question, he said the Chairman does intend to use the paper for a Floor speech and again noted that the Chairman will put punch in the paper. [REDACTED] has been advised.

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I also brought Mr. Slatinshek up to date on the Egyptian air defenses.

6. (Secret - JGO) Delivered to Mr. Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, a letter for the Chairman on withdrawal from the reserves and received from Mr. Preston a copy of the Chairman's letter to Chairman Henderson of the Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, concerning S. 782.

I briefed Mr. Preston on student unrest at the University of Saigon in response to his earlier question. See Memorandum for the Record.

7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) In response to his call, I met with Mr. Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.), and received from him a sealed envelope addressed to the Director.

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8. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to [REDACTED] WH/Cuba, who advised that background unclassified and classified material for briefing of the Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs, House Committee on Foreign Affairs is being prepared for use by the Department of State representatives without attribution to the Agency.

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